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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

ONG, PIU PIU

Examiner

Thjuan P Knowlin

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(e) as being anticipated by Sladek et al (US 6,622,016).
2. In regards to claims 1 and 5, Sladek discloses a method to systematically analyze a next generation telecommunications network to result in creating a provisioning plan and procedures for provisioning the network to provide services for one or more subscribers (col. 10-11 lines 57-10), the method comprising the steps of: creating and storing information that represents a logical decomposition of the next generation network into a plurality of discrete functional areas (Fig. 2 and 3); analyzing the information representing the functional areas to identify one or more provisioning requirements for each of the functional areas; defining one or more provisioning procedures and identifying one or more required provisioning tools for each of the functional areas, based on the provisioning requirements; and creating and storing a sequence of execution of the procedures and tools as the provisioning plan (col. 6 lines

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10-22, col. 7 lines 37-54, col. 16-17 lines 66-28, col. 17-18 lines 55-10, and col. 18-19 lines 65-10).

3. In regards to claim 2, Sladek discloses a method, wherein the steps of creating and storing information that represents a logical decomposition of the next generation network into a plurality of discrete functional areas further comprise the steps of logically partitioning the next generation network into a subscriber customer premises equipment area, an access network and core network area, and a switch and other processors area (Fig. 2, Fig. 3, col. 12-13 lines 53-32, and col. 13 lines 34-64).

4. In regards to claims 3, 4, and 6, Sladek discloses a method, wherein the step of logically partitioning the next generation network comprises the steps of determining one or more boundaries of the discrete functional areas based on classifying devices according to functions performed by the devices in delivering network services (col. 11 lines 23-47, col. 13 lines 16-32, and col. 18 lines 28-58).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Aravamudan et al (Us 6,584,186) teach a method and apparatus for protecting against network damage in next generation communications networks.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

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7. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

8. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

Thjuan P. Knowlin
November 23, 2003

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ahmad Matar', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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